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135 State Bar offers free handbook to seniors

The South Carolina Bar Young Lawyers Division, in partnership with the Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging, is offering the S.C. Senior Citizens' Handbook free to the public. The handbook is a guide to laws and programs affecting senior citizens and addresses many of the complicated issues they may face, including:

- health care financing
- bankruptcy
- age discrimination
- adult abuse and exploitation
- guardianship and conservatorship
- estate planning and medical decision making
- social security and other means of financial assistance and
- veterans' benefits

The handbook also includes information on aging services and a community resource direc-

tory.

The S.C. Senior Citizens' Handbook can be found online at www.scbar.org/pdf/YLD/SrCit-Guide.pdf.

The public may also contact Tara Smith at (803) 799-6653, ext. 146 or tsmith@scbar.org to request a free copy in print.

A variety of other free publications designed to assist the public with legal needs is available on the Bar's Web site by visiting www.scbar.org/public and clicking the link to "Free Publications."

The Young Lawyers Division includes all members of the state Bar under 36 and those with less than five years membership. The S.C. Bar, which has a membership of more than 12,000 lawyers, is dedicated to advancing justice, professionalism and understanding of the law.